

1 State superintendent of schools, and I oppose the amend-
2 ment.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

4 DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
5 gentlemen of the Convention, I will be very brief. As I
6 said before, I think the substitute that was offered made
7 it very difficult to vote against it. However, I feel
8 in this case we are being incomplimentary to the Executive
9 Article and as Delegate Maurer points out in 4.21, we
10 do say acting alone the governor shall not appoint the head
11 of an education department, but we do not say in what
12 manner he shall be appointed. We hope that this Article
13 would lay to rest that question, the question that was
14 resolved in Maryland in 1921 as a result of an education
15 survey commission which said that for the superintendent, who
16 is the State's educational executive, should be chosen not
17 by the governor alone, but by a board, as far removed from
18 political influences as possible, for a term either in-
19 definite or long enough to avoid danger of political compli-
20 cations. This recommendation was subsequently followed.

21 I say by this amendment we put to rest, and to